GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3066
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BRINGING BACK BELONGINGS OF SIKH GURU
Jindal Shri Naveen

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the 'Kalgi' and some other belongings of Guru Gobind Singh Ji have been missing from a British Museum since 1976;

(b) If so, whether any requests have been received by the Government for assistance in locating these articles and bringing them back to India; and

(c) If so, the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a)-(c) The Government of India has received requests for assistance in locating the 'Kalgi' and some other belongings of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and bringing them back to India. The matter was taken up with the British authorities, who indicated that the articles could not be traced. They also indicated that in 1976, an extensive search had been conducted to locate the Kalgi by the Victoria and Albert Museum in the UK, where the Kalgi had previously been situated. The search was unsuccessful.